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STEEL PORTAL FRAMES WITHOUT BRACES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows: